



THE TRESTLEBOARD
SAM DAVIS LODGE
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Stated Meetings
 1st Thursday at 7:00 PM
 Gary Wayne Leffew – Worshipful Master

Practice and Degrees
 Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM
 Charles Percy - Secretary

FROM THE EAST

Brothers, I'd like to thank all that attended the May stated meeting. It was a good night of fellowship and we managed to get a little business taken care of as well. If you didn't make the meeting, you missed another excellent meal prepared by Brothers Mike Bove and Chris Young. I, and all the Brothers, appreciate your efforts but I'll say it again, nobody's gonna want that job next year.

With only a month left until our official visit (June 18), I encourage all Lodge officers to take advantage of our Tuesday night practice sessions. The Brothers that went before us set the "Sam Davis Standard" high but I'm certain we're up to the challenge.

Congratulations to Brother Robert Waldron for his selection as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State of Tennessee. Congratulations are also in order for Brothers Edward Waldron and Harold Scott. Brother Edward will be serving as Eminent Grand Warder and Brother Harold as Aide-de-Camp. We're proud to have these Brothers as valued members of Sam Davis Lodge.

Finally, I'd like to thank Brother Bob Blackmer for accompanying me in the East during the stated meeting. Bob was one of six 50-year Masons that attended the meeting. Walking uprightly and squaring their conduct for more than 50 years says a lot about these Brothers. Brother Leon Whitmore will join this illustrious group on May 22. Brother Whitmore, I look forward to awarding your 50-year pin in June. Brother Cook, it was especially good to have you at the meeting.

Fraternally, Gary Wayne Leffew, Worshipful Master

What can you do to make a better Masonic Lodge?

1. Make sure you speak to every brother present each meeting.
2. Be happy when you come to lodge.
3. Shake hands with every brother present.
4. Listen when another brother is speaking.
5. Help a brother form his opinion by correcting him in a helpful way when he is incorrect in thought or deed.
6. If you have had a "Bad Day" leave it outside the lodge.
7. Look for one brother at each meeting you have not spent time with in a while and spend some time talking with him.
8. Ask a brother who seems troubled, "How was your day?", and listen to his answer.
9. Find a brother you feel confident with share your problems.
10. Watch the door for an unknown person and try to be the first to greet him and shake his hand. (You can be a great help to him by showing him around and helping him meet your brothers.)

These are not rules. I have no power to cause you to practice these things. If they are good standards to follow then practice them. If they are not good for you or the lodge in general then disregard them. I just thought these things could help a new Mason or a visiting brother to feel more welcome, and for us to feel better about ourselves. Think it over.

We have a visit coming up by our Grand Lodge Lecturer June 18, 2009. Some of us are out of practice. Some of us are up for renewal. Each Tuesday when there is not a degree scheduled we have been practicing and will continue to do so until the visit. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Let me know what you need or would like to practice. We can help. Any brother who wants to learn is welcome at these practices and we can help with whatever you desire to learn.

Larry Hooper, Senior Warden

Proficiency Card Renewals due at June 18th Official Visit

Henry Wayne Bain	Darrell Steven Bell	William Steven Bell
Floyd Bracy Dennis Sr	Henry Ray Faust	Michael Lee Ferrell
Harold Davis Grider	Joseph Noel Lebeau III	Gary Wayne Leffew
David Michael Oldham	James Wilson Smith	Bob Frank Stephenson
Van Gary Tenpenny Sr	Terry Levon Thompson	Robert Warren Waldron Sr

Happy May birthday to the following brothers:

John David Bridgers Jr	5/22
William Seth Brittian	5/30
Philip Evans Chapman	5/30
Jerry Wayne Covington	5/28
Nick Bee Crowe Jr	5/4
Don Ovid Ferguson	5/19
Bernice Jasper Haire Jr	5/27
William Lytle Hodge	5/14
William Carson McCormick	5/15
Joe Ed McCrady	5/17
Carl Anthony McMillen	5/23
James Robert Oglesby	5/27
Arthur Coble Puckett Jr	5/14
Michael Lindsay Rainey	5/6
Thomas Harris Seat	5/23
Mickey Nelson Stark	5/3
Kevin Mark Stephenson	5/18
John Powell Taliaferro	5/7
Howard Lloyd Verry Jr	5/18
Arthur Lynwood Wilhoite	5/11
Matthew Link Phifer	5/30

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brothers:

Alfred George Brigham	5/16/78
John Thomas Burnette	5/19/49
Jerry Wayne Covington	5/22/79
James Robert Crawford	5/19/92
Jerry Lee Davis Jr	5/26/92
Roger Dale Elks	5/31/83
Dwight Worth Gale	5/26/98
William Lytle Hodge	5/14/48
Kenneth Dean Johnson	5/19/98
Gary Jackson Lanier	5/25/91
David Michael Oldham	5/9/06
Charles Thomas Partin	5/18/76
Roger Keith Patton	5/27/74
James Earnest Perkins	5/29/90
James Wilson Smith	5/5/77
Denison Taylor	5/24/77
Leon Wampler Whitmore	5/22/59
William Lee Witt	5/14/85

Upcoming Events:
18 June – Official Visit by Bro. K.I. Wright
Every Fri. night – Line dancing at 7:00 PM

FROM THE SECRETARY
For those that haven't paid their 2009 dues, please do so soon to avoid possible suspension for non-payment.

Fraternally, Charles Percy, Secretary

Who was Tubal-Cain?
He was the son of Lamech, a descendant of Adam's son Cain, and noted as an "artificer in brass and iron." Masonic tradition makes him "the founder of smith-craft, "and Josephus tells us that "he exceeded all men in strength, " and was renowned for his warlike achievements.

What is the significance of the phrase "keepers of the house shall tremble." This is a figurative expression indicating the failings of the body in old age or as weakened by the approach of death; the keepers symbolize the limbs of the body.

What is the significance of the phrase "grinders cease because they are few" This is a poetical and figurative expression referring to decrepitude in old age when chewing becomes difficult or impossible.

Larry Smith, PM, Historian

AFFILIATE BODIES MEETINGS:

- ORDER OF THE EASTER STAR** 2nd Thursdays. Covered Dish at 6:00 p.m., Open at 7:00 p.m
- YORK RITE MURFREESBORO** 2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
- SMYRNA-LAVERGNE SHRINE CLUB** 4TH Thursdays at Jim and Nicks BBQ in Smyrna

SICK

Brother J.T. Burnette, PM is in Mayfield Manor Nursing Home, Room 100. He would be most appreciative of your visit with him. Also, we're sure that George Kersey would appreciate a visit as he doesn't get out to the lodge as often as he would like. Keep them in your prayers.

WEB SITE

Check out our web site at <http://samdavislodge.home.comcast.net/~samdavislodge/> A special thank you to Brother Floyd Dennis, Jr., our webmaster, for all of his great ideas and the time that he has donated in order for us to be on-line.

TRESTLEBOARD INFORMATION

If you have any information or announcements that you would like in the Trestleboard, call Mike Ferrell at 615-223-0379 or send him an email at Leeferr@comcast.net

